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HAVING RESILIENT BENDING  
MEANS IN THE LOWER REAR  
PORTION OF THE SHELL THEREOF



Group Art Unit: 3741

Examiner: Michael A. Neas

**COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Notice of Allowance of February 4, 2000, specified an issue fee due of \$1,210.00.

On September 3, 1997, Applicant requested a refund and thereby re-asserted status as small entity. The small entity statement was filed on July 15, 1997.

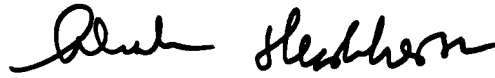
Accordingly, the correct issue fee due is \$605.00 and payment in that amount is included herewith.

Nevertheless, should additional fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Please direct any questions related to this application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on February 4, 2000, and to the Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application.

In this regard, Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references of record. However, Applicant further wishes to clarify that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and the basis for patentability of these claims is based upon the totality of the features recited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments about the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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